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ADHESION OF MICROORGANISMS TO THE LATTER **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** 

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Serial No. 09/782,520

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## **REQUEST**

Clarification is requested with regard to the Examiner's rejection of claims 22-24 under Section 102 over "EP 05186328" on page 6 of the Office Action dated July 2, 2002 (Paper No. 8). The undersigned notes that a copy of EP 05186328 was not included with Paper No. 8 and the same is not listed on the PTO 892 Form forwarded with the applicants copy of Paper No. 8. The applicants cited a publication JP 05186328 to the Examiner in the Information Disclosure Statement of July 26, 2001, and the applicants request clarification as to whether the Examiner's reference to EP 05186328 should, in fact, have been a reference to JP 05186328. A new Office Action with the date reset for responding to the same from the mail date of the new Action is requested in the event

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either EP 05186328, or reference other than JP 05186328, were intended as a basis for the rejection of claims 22-24 on page 6 of Paper No. 8. A copy of the further reference or EP 05186328 is also requested.

Clarification is requested with regard to the rejection of claims 22-24 on page 6 of Paper No. 8. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned if anything further is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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